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Preliminary Dasara meeting held in city

Elephants, mahouts, kavadis and relatives to be housed inside Palace with maximum precautions

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar held an emergency meeting at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar yesterday to discuss the preparation for Dasara 2020. This was the preliminary meeting ahead of the Dasara High Power Committee meeting that will be chaired by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Sept. 8 (next Tuesday).

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, ZP President Parimala Shyam, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat, Deputy Conservator of Forests Alexander and officials from various Departments connected to Dasara.

During the meeting, officials brought to the notice of the Minister that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the process of bringing Dasara elephants to city has been inordinately delayed. Usually, 12 elephants are brought from various elephant camps and the mahouts, kavadis and their family members are housed inside the Mysore Palace in over 50 sheds. The elephants undergo training and nutritious food is given to them to gain more weight and strength.

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Abhimanyu, not Arjuna to carry Golden Howdah

Designated Howdah elephant Abhimanyu. Picture right shows veteran Arjuna.

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (MTY& BCT)- Young and strong Abhimanyu will carry the Golden Howdah during the Vijayadashami procession this year as Arjuna, who carried the 750-kg Howdah till now, has turned 60. As per the Supreme Court directions and Union Government's guidelines, no elephant aged above 60 years is supposed to be tasked with heavy and stressful duty.

So far, Arjuna has effortlessly carried the Golden Howdah for eight consecutive times and once, years ago, he successfully carried it when the Howdah was mounted on him from Bannimantap to Mysore Palace after elephant Drona carried it during the Vijayadashami procession from Palace to Torchlight Parade Grounds.

Though the Forest Department has confidence that Arjuna can carry the Howdah for a few more years, they do not want to violate the Court and Government orders. That is why, 54-year-old Abhimanyu is being brought in for the task. Abhimanyu usually carries the wooden replica of the Howdah during the Srirangapatna Dasara procession.

Even legal experts have suggested to the Forest Department not to mount the 'Ambari' on Arjuna as it might lead to litigation by animal rights activists, sources from the Department told *Star of Mysore*.

If Abhimanyu begins his stint of carrying the Golden Howdah this year, he can carry it for six consecutive years before he turns 60. Abhimanyu is participating in the festival for the past 20 years and was captured at Hebballa forest in Kodagu district in 1977.

Arjuna was captured in 1968 during a Khedda operation from the Kakanakote in Western Ghats. After he was tamed, he is a regular member of Dasara celebrations. Arjuna has donned the lead role of carrying the Howdah since 2012.

People's Park

Public Library likely to open by month end

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (RKB&SSV)- The newly-built Public Library at People's Park in city is likely to be inaugurated by the end of this month. To be ready for inauguration, available furniture is being assembled and the books are being arranged, named and catalogued in the respective shelves.

The two-storey library building, constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.99 crore, will be opened before the beginning of Joint Session of the State Legislature or after the Session depending upon the availability of Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar under whom the Department of Public Libraries comes. "The building was ready nearly 10 months ago. Now, work of arranging the books in the racks by subjects is going on. The formal inauguration of the library is delayed due to COVID-19," B. Manjunath, Deputy Director, Department of Public Libraries told *SOM*.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is yet to release funds collected under 'Library Cess' to the Department without which they cannot get the furniture prepared, he added.

Nearly 50 percent of wooden furniture, racks and books purchased 5-6 years ago that were used in the previous library building, located off New Sayyaji Rao Road, are being shifted and arranged in the new building. Over 15 employees are busy in arranging more than 40,000 books in the racks, he said.

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To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	790
Total positive cases	:	21,394
Discharges yesterday	:	418
Total discharges	:	14,064
Deaths yesterday	:	12
Total deaths	:	498
Total active cases	:	6,832

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 6th September 2020

National Webinar on 'Integrated B.Ed Course' tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 6- As part of National Webinar on 'Integrated BED Course: Issues and Challengers,' Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former Professor of Education, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Mysuru, will deliver a talk on 'Holistic Development and Respect for Constitutional Values, Constitutional Rights and Duties according to NEP 2020' tomorrow (Sept. 7) at 12.30 pm.

The Webinar, which will be held using 'Zoom' platform, is organised by SVK National College of Education and Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, in association with Karnataka State Aided B.Ed College Teachers' Association (KSABCTA) and Kuvempu University Aided College Teacher Educators' (B.Ed) Association (KUATA), Shivamogga.

Earlier, in the Session-1 at 11.30 am, Prof. E.R. Ekbote, retd. Professor and Dean, Department of Education, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi and Chairman, Karnataka State B.Ed. Curriculum, will talk on 'Integrated B.Ed Course: Issues and Challenges.'

Teacher Educators, Academicians and Research Scholars can take part in the Webinar for which registration is free. E-Certificate will be issued to all the active participants. Registration Link: *https://forms.gle/5kqqx-5ZnQV7HJrmz7*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Modern C-section procedure has been a lifesaver for countless women and children, wherever hospital delivery has grown more common. WHO states that the number of maternal and newborn deaths decrease only until Caesarean deliveries rise towards 10 percent across the population, after which there is no evidence that mortality rates improve. So it is a real cause for concern when the latest National Statistical Office (NSO) survey on the state of India's health finds that the share of women delivering through C-section has crossed 28 percent.

It is not just that Caesareans performed for non-medically indicated reasons are unhelpful. As with any major surgery, they actually introduce new risks. Indeed research on their short- and long-term effects makes for hairy reading. For example, for mothers there is a reported rise in the odds of depression and serious difficulties with subsequent pregnancies. For children the subtle alteration in neonatal physiology can increase later incidence of obesity, asthma, juvenile arthritis.

To reiterate, C-sections save lives when there is a medical crisis but endanger health when they are elective. Consider that C-sections are 17 percent of births in government hospitals but 55 percent in private hospitals. Something is very amiss here. Where patients and their families themselves push such interventions, doctors need to provide better guidance. But where it is the service providers who are guilty, state needs to scrutinise the data and direct course correction. Normal deliveries should be the norm.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Birds build nest in brewery chimney, stop production

Berlin: A brewery in the German state of Bavaria has been forced to suspend beer production after a family of storks made themselves at home in one of its chimneys. The birds — a protected species in Germany — built a nest in the Zwanzger brewery in the village of Uehlfeld in early spring, bringing production to a grinding halt.

Brewer Christian Zwanzger said "We already had one last year (on the roof) and the young storks, when they come back, often come to the same place. So they looked for a place to build their nest and they did it on the chimney of the brewery." That means they had to wait until now to get the specialist help needed to deal with the nest, as baby storks have since hatched. The brewery is now hoping to move the nest next soon.

Rare yellow turtle discovered at Balasore

Balasore: A rare yellow turtle was spotted at Balasore in Odisha on Sunday and the unusual creature is mesmerising people across the world. Local residents in Balasore first spotted the turtle and the video of the turtle, which at first glance looks more like a lemon than a reptile, has gone viral online. The turtle was handed over to forest officials. Wildlife experts say it is possibly an albino mutation of a common turtle. Albinism is a type of genetic disorder where there is little or no production of pigment in the skin, eyes and hair — or in other species the fur, feathers or scales.

Wildlife Warden Bhanoomitra Acharya said it was a unique find. "This turtle that was rescued, its skull and body are yellow, truly it is very rare. I have not seen such a turtle in my life ever," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes the metallic taste in my mouth?

Metallic taste is not usually caused by a serious illness. Common causes of metallic taste are antibiotic drugs and drugs for thyroid disorders, blood pressure, bipolar disorder and arthritis. Low water intake and gum disease may also be possible causes.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	246
Total positive cases	:	6,546
Total discharges	:	4,433
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	2,043

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	31
Total positive cases	:	2,612
Total discharges	:	2,157
Total deaths	:	42
Total active cases	:	402

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	28
Total positive cases	:	1,664
Total discharges	:	1,286
Total deaths	:	21
Total active cases	:	357

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	347
Total positive cases	:	9,742
Total discharges	:	6,242
Total deaths	:	205
Total active cases	:	3,295

Really...?

- ***Avocados have royal roots. The podcast Gastropod reports that avocados were first used as tributes from townsfolk to local royalty in Mesoamerica 7,000 years ago.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A little boy stands in front of a house and cries. A guy sees him and asks, *"Why all the crying, little guy?"*
"I can't reach the doorbell."
The man rings the bell for him and smiles at the boy. The boy smiles back at him and says, *"Great, and now we just have to run away very quickly!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.25
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.34
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.94
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.71

VOICE OF THE READER

Acute shortage of water in Bannimantap Extension

Sir,

This has reference to the news item mentioning that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will take severe action including attachment of property if property tax and water charges are not paid in 30 days *(Star of Mysore* dated Aug. 14).

MCC seems to have decided to toughen its stand against defaulters after decades of laxity and poor enforcement. At the same time the MCC has the following responsibility before taking strict action:

1. Roads should be properly maintained and potholes should be filled regularly.

2. Street lights should be maintained and the defunct ones changed immediately.

3. Proper maintenance of drainages, especially in new Layouts like Devanur 3rd Stage behind NH Hospital.

4. Ensure regular supply of water to every Wards especially Bannimantap 'A' Layout, opposite KSRTC Depot. The residents of this area have not been getting water since last six months in spite of giving complaints to all offices. Surprisingly till date no action has been taken!

5. Last but not the least, corruption in the Corporation should be reduced to nil.

We request the authorities concerned to solve the above problems before taking strict action against the defaulters.

—S.A. Shah

Bannimantap
30.8.2020

New IT policy aims to create 60 lakh plus jobs in next five years

Bengaluru, Sept. 6 (SSV)- Information Technology Policy for the period 2020-25 is aiming at generating 60 lakh plus direct and indirect employment in the State in next five years.

Madhuswamy

The draft policy was approved in the State Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa here on Sept. 3.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said, the vision of the policy was to ensure that the State retains its leadership position in innovation & technology and paces towards sustainable and holistic economic development across the State through strategic policy interventions.

Other goals of the proposed IT policy are as follows:

• To enable the State's IT industry to contribute 30% to India's goal of becoming a trillion-dollar digital economy.

• To achieve generation of 60+ lakh direct and indirect employment in the State during the policy period.

• To boost the IT penetration & innovation in the State holistically and strengthen the ecosystem in new regions.

• To enable a remote, distributed labour force beyond Bengaluru, required for the IT industry.

• To evolve a State Cyber Security policy to employ the necessary data protection safeguard and create & sustain a safe and resilient ecosystem. The goals of the policy would be achieved by adopting the following strategies:

• **Infrastructure Development:** Enhance infrastructure facilities to provide impetus to local industry and encourage investments and growth beyond Bengaluru.

• **Market Development:** Facilitate and enable development of a thriving market for IT/ ITeS entities by easing norms for public procurement, hosting IT and emerging technology events, specifically beyond Bengaluru.

• **Ecosystem Engagement:** Promote innovation and encourage growth of upcoming industries by promoting investment, global alliances, R&D support and IP creation.

• **Talent Development:** Accelerate skill enhancement and nurture the talent pool by strengthening the existing initiatives and introducing strategic skill interventions for emerging technologies.

• **Ease of Doing Business Enhancement**: Facilitate and handhold IT/ ITeS industry entities to help streamline procedures and enhance the overall experience of doing business in the State; put in place supportive mechanisms for better facilitation of incentives and other policy benefits thereby attract investments and growth.

Schools asked to start admission process

Bengaluru, Sept. 6 (SSV)- Department of Public Instruction has given the green signal to start the admission process of kids to the Government and private schools and to complete it before Sept. 30.

The State Government had not given permission to start the schools and colleges in wake of COVID-19 situation. However, it had given permission recently to start the admission process for PU and Degree colleges. In fact, guidelines issued under Unlock 4.0 had not given permission to start the schools till Sept. 30 but the State Government asking all Government, aided and un-aided schools to complete the admission before the end of this month has surprised everyone.

Cap on fees: The Department, in its circular, has instructed the school management not to hike the fee this year in view of COVID situation and asked the parents to pay whatever they had remitted last year. Besides, parents were given permission to pay the fees in instalments.

While this order has come as a breather for private school / college managements, which were struggling to pay the salary of teachers following the Government's directions, it has come as a shocker for the parents as some of them had lost their jobs owing to the slowdown of economy due to Corona.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Applications are hereby called from the public for the allotment of residential sites with all amenities in the layout being developed by KHB jointly with M/s M.R.PL, Vedapuram at Survey No.'s: 278/1, 278/2, 279/2, 280/2, 281/1, 281/3, 282/1, 282/2 and others Survey No.'s at Kasaba Hobli, Kesare Village, Mysuru Taluk. The sites have already been allotted and few sites are still available. The details of available sites are given below:

Sl. No	Place and District	Category Dimension (in Mtrs)	No's of Sites	Registration Fee (in Rs.)	Initial Deposit (in Rs.)	Site rate per Sqft (in Rs)	Application will be issued and received at below mentioned bank and branches
1	Mysore Dist, Mysore Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Kesare Village	EWS 6 x 9	38	300	25000/-	700/-	1. Bank Of Baroda (Old Vijaya Bank), Vijayanagar Br., Mysore, 2. Office of the Executive Engineer, KHB Saraswathi puram, Mysore, 3. Bank of Baroda K.B Sangha Building, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Vijaynagar, Bengaluru
		LIG 9 x 12	41	500	50000/-	1470/-	
		HIG I 12 x 18	42	1500	100000/-		
		HIG II 15 x 24	01	1500	125000/-		

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ALLOTMENT

(1) Public can get the applications from above mentioned places by paying **Rs. 100/-** **(2)** The duly filled application form along with the Demand Draft of Registration fee and Initial Deposit may be submitted to the above mentioned bank/offices on or before **25.09.2020**. The D D shall be drawn in favour of "KHB & MRPL VEDAPURAM". No application will be received after the due date. **(3)** Allotment will be done as per Category wise reservation and Rule 9 of KHB Allotment Regulation Act 1983 and as per allotment rules. **(4)** The applicant applied for allotment under Reservation Quota i.e., (SC, ST, Defence, Ex-servicemen, Central Govt, State Government, Senior Citizen, Physically Handicapped) should submit relevant certified documents along with the application. **(5)** Applications with DD less than the prescribed Initial Deposit will not be considered for lottery. **(6)** The applicant should submit a Notarised Affidavit declaring that his/her spouse /minor children have not been allotted any site/house by the Board or any other authority in the state of Karnataka. **(7)** The applicant should be a resident of Karnataka for not less than 10 years. **(8)** The annual income of the applicant residing in the Urban Area who is applying under EWS Category should not be more than **Rs. 87,600/-** per annum and for the applicant in Rural Area should not be more than **Rs. 32,000/-** per annum. The Income Certificate obtained in this regard from the concerned Tahsildar should be enclosed along with the application. **(9)** The allotment will be done on Outright sale basis. And the number of sites notified are subject to change. **(10)** In case the property is not allotted, the Initial deposit amount paid along with applications will be refunded without any interest to the applicants. If the allottee rejects after the allotment, or if the allottee does not pay the cost of the property within the stipulated time or due to any other reasons the Board cancel the allotment, 25% of the Initial Deposit will be forfeited and balance amount will be refunded. **(11)** For more details, the applicants should contact the Assistant Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Mysuru, Telephone No.0821-2543237 and for other details contact the Deputy General Manager (Customer Service), Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bangalore or Revenue Officer, Allotment Section, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru, directly or through Ph.No. 080-22273511, Ext 335.

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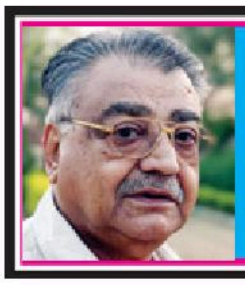


Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking — 8

Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao (GTN)

One afternoon in the year 1979-80, a surprise visitor came to my office to meet me. It was Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao, known to all, including his students, as GTN. Both of us were meeting each other in Mysore for the first time after we parted, he as teacher and I as his NCC student.

GTN was a mathematics lecturer in Madikeri First Grade College, now Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College, Kodagu, when I was a student with History, Economics and Political Science (HEP) as my optionals. Mine was the last batch of intermediate class of two years and studied in this College from 1956 to 1959.

GTN was also an Officer of the rank of Major in the National Cadet Corps (NCC). I had joined the NCC and GTN was a very strict officer with a high sense of discipline whom we used to fear. He was a great lover of science and mathematics and had scant respect for arts subjects and much less for those who pursued it as a study like me. Once in Mysore when I mentioned to him that Political Science was my subject for graduation he interrupted me and asked, "What did you say?" I said, "Political Science." He retorted: "Political Science. Do you know the meaning of the word science? You people call politics a science to make a simple, common subject complex and sound very important."

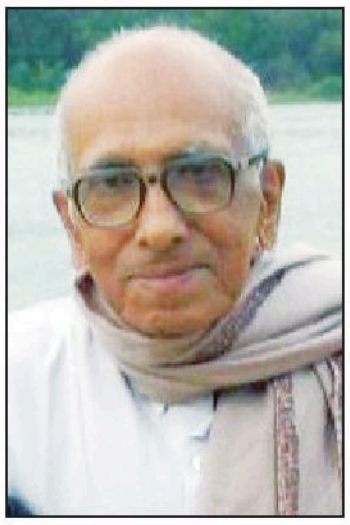
Be that as it may, I got up from my chair the moment I saw him entering my office calling my name loudly and asking in Kannada, 'What? Can you recognise me?' Since GTN had not changed much physically, except for normal aging, I had no problem and I acknowledged him with great humility.

Like always, he was a man in a hurry. He mentioned the purpose of his visit as asking for a little favour! He and a few of his friends, who were music-lovers, had formed a group and were holding music *kacheri* once a week at the nearby Somani College class room given to them free of rent. GTN wanted publicity for those programmes. I told him it was not a favour from a newspaper, but a newspaper's very purpose and my pleasure. Thus began our relationship, not as Guru and Shishya but as mutual admirers. Thereafter, he would give me the weekly programmes and also a review of them. I knew he was a man of great likes and dislikes and that could be seen in his reviews. Let it be. But one aspect of his life was clear — he was passionate about whatever he did.

One day he asked me, for the first time, about my family. I told him my wife was a college lecturer and I have one infant son. However, in passing, I mentioned that I stayed in Gokulam and she joined me once in a week coming from Kushalnagar where she stayed with her sister but worked in Somwarpet College. He began to show concern about my predicament and asked, "Why don't you get her transferred to Mysore? You know your college mates A.K. Subbaiah and M.C. Nanaiah." Both of these gentlemen were at that time MLCs with some clout in the Government. I told him I had already done that circus and now biding my time. I mentioned the name of Janata Party City President Kempegowda through whom I was pursuing the matter. He expressed his sympathy and left.

About ten days later, he came to me with a post-card, yes that yellow-tinted post-card, written to him from Mangalore by a retired senior official of the PU Board saying that he was going to Bangalore and would attend to his work. What work? Well, you guessed it. Getting K.B. Ganapathy's wife transferred to Mysore! I thanked GTN for taking trouble for my sake without even a request from me. I had no hopes on his efforts.

But after about 15 days, my wife Ralie got a transfer order to a college in Mysore city, which was much sought after by many lecturers — Maharaja's Pre-University College, Mysore. I could not believe it, so



Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao

also my wife. I rushed to GTN's house, for the first time, to confirm if it was true, real.

GTN, as was his wont, got me a hot cup of coffee and said though he was happy with the news, he did not know if it was because of him. He, however, received another post-card from his friend confirming the transfer. Thus ended my one-year struggle for getting this transfer with the help of GTN. And during those days, I must have gone to Bangalore a dozen times, only to get fooled by a dozen different VIPs and agents.

GTN's unsolicited help to me at a time I was Mr. Nobody in Mysore has taught me a moral lesson about the nature of helping the helpless and I have been doing that quietly. Our Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, I know some instances personally, too is helping people without much ado or publicity.

As our contacts increased, I requested GTN to write music review in English for *Star of Mysore*. His first response was that he could only speak in English but writing was difficult! It was more of his humility than the reality. I knew he was a *pucca* Kannada 'fanatic' and had already written many books in Kannada. Surprisingly, I mustered the audacity to tell him, "Sir, you write in English and I will edit!" He brought out one of his loud laughter and said, "Yes, let me learn from you." I smiled. So it was, he began writing not only on music but also on related subjects and became known as city's No. 1 art critic writing for '*The Hindu*' and a couple of music journals inviting both bouquets and brickbats, even lawyer's notice. He would often say that it was 'Ganapathy who taught me how to write in English.' I was certainly not flattered but it showed his humility. He was thankful to me for giving him an opportunity to write for *SOM* which, by now, had made a name with thousands addicted to it.

In retrospect, I should think GTN's retirement from the Mysore University was a great blessing for Ganabharathi, the music association he helped establish. Ganabharathi got its own site and building in Kuvempunagar because of the efforts of GTN and his team of dedicated music-lovers. He travelled to Bombay and other places to raise funds for the building which was named Veene Seshanna Bhavan, after the great Veena Vidwan of Mysore Palace, Asthana Vidwan, Veene Seshanna. For a year, he refused to take any honorarium for writing in *Star of Mysore* despite my telling him that we do pay as a policy. I also told him, knowing his concern for me, that *Star of Mysore* is making profit and also paying Income Tax. Surprisingly, when I insisted that he accept it as my *Guru Dakshina*, he agreed but on one condition — I must give it to Ganabharathi as a donation — so it was.

GTN's pet project: ***Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi.***

While in service and even after retirement, his labour of love for intellectual pursuit continued unabated so much so he produced 26 books on varied subjects in Kannada and three of them in English, one being about his meeting with Dr. S. Chandrashekar, the man who discovered the black hole, in Chicago where he went during his American sojourn to see his son. A prolific writer, Science, scientists and mathematics were his forte. He also wrote his autobiography *"Mugiyada Payana"* (Unfinished Journey). He was a recipient of many awards but ironically, he got the honorary doctorate, not from the University of Mysore but from the Karnataka State Open University and then Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in the year 2007, just before he died on June 27, 2008. He was 82.

When he died, I was in Houston, USA. I felt deeply saddened. I am sure the Angels at the Pearly Gates of Heaven (no matter GTN never believed in religion or God) must have said, to quote the words of the American Poet Edward Parker, as follows:

Life's work well done;
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Everlasting peace well earned,
Enter noble soul.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 7 on H.S. Shankaralingegowda, former MLA, was published on Aug. 30. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 9 on S.G. Sanath Kumar, Head Master of Hardwicke High School, next week.*—**Ed**

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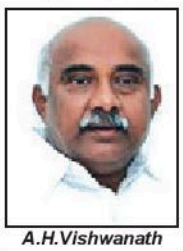
MLC Vishwanath wants Corona Warriors to inaugurate Dasara


A.H.Vishwanath

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (YDS&DM)- Senior BJP leader and MLC A.H. Vishwanath said that in the wake of COVID-19, it would be more meaningful if this year's Dasara is inaugurated by Doctors, ASHA Workers and Pourakarmikas, who are at the frontline in the battle against the deadly pandemic.

Speaking to press persons at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday, Vishwanath said that there are many instances where Dasara was celebrated inside the Palace.

Noting that Dasara was celebrated without Government funds in 2003, he opined that in the wake of COVID-19 regulations and the precautionary measures to be taken such as physical distancing, wearing of face mask, thermal screening etc., Dasara cannot be celebrated in a grand manner this year. However, Dasara should be celebrated in keeping with age-old traditions and customs and he would write to the Chief Minister in this regard, he said.

Pointing out that writers, musicians, artists, scientists, politicians, Chief Ministers, Ministers and such other dignitaries had inaugurated Dasara in previous years, Vishwanath said that this year, the 10-day festival should be inaugurated by Doctors, Pourakarmikas and ASHA Workers, who are serving as Corona Warriors risking their own health and lives to root out the pandemic.

Pointing out the inauguration of Dasara by Corona Warriors would send out a message to the entire country, Vishwanath said that he would suggest this idea to the CM during the High-Power Dasara Committee meeting to be held at Bengaluru on Sept. 8.

Reacting to former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy's allegations that drug money was used for toppling JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government, which he (HDK) headed, Vishwanath wondered why the former CM was silent all these days.

Maintaining that the Coalition Government fell under its own contradictions, he said that Kumaraswamy's allegations are made without any substance and it was Kumaraswamy himself who used to be always power-addicted.

Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4

MUDA Comr. writes to MCC

on issuing documents to property owners

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (PM&DM)- MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has written to his counterpart in the MCC seeking to initiate measures for issuance of documents such as khata transfer, building licence and tax stipulation in respect of landed properties located in MUDA (formerly CITB) formed layouts of Siddarthanagar, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar, Income Tax and Alanahalli layouts, coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41.

In the letter written to the MCC Commissioner on Saturday, MUDA Commissioner Natesh said, the Government has said that the lands on which these layouts have been formed have been dropped from 'B-Kharab' classification based on a Court order and Cabinet decision. The Urban Development Department through a letter on July 28 too had directed for necessary follow-up action.

Accordingly, the MCC should take measures for issuance of land records such as property tax stipulation, khata transfer and registration and building licence to owners of houses and sites in the said layouts, which come under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41, the letter said.

MCC proposes to name roads after IFS Officer Manikandan, Ambarish

Manikandan

Ambarish

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (SSV)- With a view to pay rich tribute to a senior IFS Officer S. Manikandan who laid down his life while on duty, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is planning to name a road on which the Aranya Bhavan building is located in Ashokapuram in the city, after him.

The MCC has also proposed to name a road after noted Kannada actor and politician, M.H. Ambarish, who died two years ago.

The General Body Meeting of MCC held on Feb. 27 this year had agreed to name two roads after Manikandan and Ambarish in the city. Accordingly, the MCC has identified the Aranya Bhavan road to name it after 45-year-old Manikandan who was Conservator of Forests and Director of Nagahole Tiger Reserve.

Tragedy was that he had been credited with reducing incidents of man-animal conflicts among other achievements, but his end came on World Wildlife Day after being attacked by a wild elephant while he was inspecting a minor forest fire at D.B. Kuppe range of Nagarahole National Park. The incident occurred when a lone tusker came from behind and charged at the group of Forest Officers who were being briefed by Manikandan. Unfortunately, he lost balance and fell only to be trampled by the jumbo.

Ambi's name: The MCC has also proposed to name the 6th Main Road, which passes through Ward No. 1, 2, 3 and 20 Ward, as Dr. M.H. Ambarish Road. In fact, he needs no introduction as he hailed from Mysuru and went on to become a popular actor in Kannada film field.

Ambarish also jumped into politics and had entered Lok Sabha from Mandya Lok Sabha constituency and became Union Minister during UPA-1 regime.

Subsequently, he got elected to the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly and had worked as Minister. Popularly known as 'Mandyada Gandu,' Ambarish had a large fan following which helped his wife Sumalatha Ambarish to win from Mandya Lok Sabha constituency as an independent candidate.

Suggestions invited: The MCC Executive Engineer (West) has called for suggestions or objections in writing from the general public in this regard within 30 days.

Procedure to name Road/ Circle

In 2009, the Urban Development Department issued notification regarding naming of roads, junctions, parks and other public places rules-2008 in Municipal Corporation limits.

The authorised Standing Committee of the jurisdictional Corporation will propose the names and the public can have their say by way of suggestions and objections. Only main roads can be named while interior roads and cross roads will be identified with a number.

National Deworming campaign in district from tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (SPN&SSV)- A number of programmes is planned in various taluks and hoblis in the district as part of the National Deworming Campaign to be held from Sept. 7 to 21.

It is jointly organised by National Health Mission and District Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. This campaign aims at making every child in the country worm-free.

In view of non-opening of schools as per COVID-19 guidelines, deworming pill 'Albendazole' will be distributed to the children in the age group of 1-2 years and from 2-19 years (200 mg and 400 mg respectively), through ASHA and Anganwadi workers door to door, said Dr. Venkatesh, District Health Officer (DHO).

This, according to him, will enable the child's body to absorb nutrients, vitamins and minerals easily. The deworming tablets help expel worms from the stomach and prevent any sort of infection. The worms which are transmitted through soil contaminated with faecal matter are called soil-transmitted helminths (Intestinal parasitic worms).

Adult worms live in human intestines for food and survival and produce thousands of eggs each day. Eggs are passed in the faeces of infected person.

Infected people who defecate outdoors spread worm eggs in the soil. Infections can lead to anemia, malnutrition, impaired mental and physical and cognitive development, and reduced school participation.

To whom it should not be given?

ASHA volunteers or junior Health Assistants must distribute the pill as per doctors' suggestion. It should not be given to kids by force and to those who are ill. It should not be given at all to those children living in Corona Containment Zone. Emergency medical team must be ready to give treatment. Dial 104 for any medical assistance. Everyone must strictly follow COVID-19 guidelines, said Dr. Venkatesh.

Vachanas were helpful for all sections of society to come to mainstream: Former IPS Officer

B.G. Jyothi Prakash Mirji

Mysuru, Sept. 6- Former IPS Officer B.G. Jyothi Prakash Mirji said that Vachanas helped all sections of people to enter mainstream society.

He was speaking after virtually inaugurating 'Vachana Nrutya,' a Dance programme organised by Sharanu Vishwavachana Foundation on Saturday.

Pointing out that Sharanas have written Vachanas through their thoughts and principles, Mirji, a former Bengaluru Police Commissioner, said that people can lead a joyful life if they follow the principles outlined in Vachanas.

Maintaining that Vachana is key for developing a brotherhood and humanitarian mindset, he complimented Sharanu Vishwavachana Foundation for organising the programme virtually for taking the Vachanas to all sections of the society at a time when the entire world is reeling under the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Sharanu Vishwavachana Foundation Founder Director Roopa Kumaraswamy said that 'Bhakti Marga' found its roots in Kannada land during the 12th century when Basavadi Sharanas lived. Noting that the Bhakti tradition was restricted to only a section of the society, she said Sharanas, apart from spreading the message of equality and brotherhood, also motivated the common man to script Vachanas.

Lalanahalli Mutt's Jayadevi Tayi, Sharanu Vishwa Foundation Founder Dr. Vachana Kumaraswamy, Mysuru District President Anilkumar Vajanthri, P.V. Rudresh, Sudha Mrutyunjayappa and Anitha Nagaraj were present.

Traditional 'Gaana' oil makes a comeback at Nelamane

M.Tech graduate quits job, delves deep into trade and creates local employment

The bull-driven oil extraction process or 'Gaana' in action at Nelamane village in Srirangapatna taluk. Kamalesh is seen sitting on one side of the equipment while the animals move in circles crushing the seeds or nuts to obtain oil.

By B.C. Thimmaiah

For thousands of years, fats and oils have been important in food preparation and many natural oleaginous materials such as sesame, mustard seeds and coconut were known sources of oil. Juices and oils were extracted from vegetables as early as 1500 BC using either a mortar and pestle or a grinding stone working on a flat stone. This system of oil extraction through cold-press method is known as 'Gaana', or 'Ghani' or 'Marachekku'.

Cold-pressed oils are gaining popularity now-a-days with people realising their benefits over refined ones, so is the process of making these wooden oil mills operated by a pair of bullocks. The increasing demand for cold-pressed edible oils has brought good demand for making of wooden oil mills and individual farmers are taking to this form of producing oils. Many software professionals too are getting into natural farming and using this as value addition to their produce.

From M.Tech to oil extraction

Tucked away in a quiet nondescript hamlet named Nelamane in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, **M. Kamalesh,** an M.Tech graduate from BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, is doing steady business these days. He has given up his thriving profession in New Delhi and Bengaluru and has opted for organic farming and has established oil-extracting machines at his place.

Cooking oils people use these days are processed with various chemicals and also under high temperature. Much of the healthy ingredients like antioxidants and vitamins are lost when any cooking oil passes through several chemical and heat treatment units. Kamalesh extracts oil in natural ways without using heat or chemical processing systems.

"In modern terms, it is called cold-pressed oils. As no chemical is used, or the seeds and nuts are not processed under strong heat, the extracted oils contain all natural properties. People have realised that such oil extraction process retains healthy antioxidants," he says.

Simple equipment

'Gaana' is a single angled piece takes the form of two shorter pieces pinioned or chained together. The bottom of the lower angled piece is attached to a load-beam where one end of the load-beam rides around the outside of the barrel while the other is yoked to the animal.

The load-beam is weighed down with either heavy stones or even the seated operator. As the animal moves in a circular ambit, the pestle rotates, exerting lateral pressure on the upper chest of the pit, first pulverising the oilseed and then crushing out its oil. The wooden equipment has a capacity of 8 to 15 kg, has an oil outlet at the base of the pit (which is kept plugged during crushing) and frequently has the operator seated on the load-beam.

Kamalesh extracts oil from Groundnut, Coconut, Sesame, Niger seeds (huchhellu), Castor (Haralenne) and Safflower (Kusube or Kusuma Yenne). To extract oil, he employs Hallikar breed of bulls as they are more found in the traditional Hallikar belt of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Tumakuru districts.

Long, vertical and backward bending horns, large humps in males, moderate to long height and medium size of the body, and white to grey and occasionally black complexions are the characteristics of the breed. The bulls of this breed of cattle are known for their strength and endurance.

Creating local employment

Kamalesh was attracted to rural life since his high-school days. Though a tech graduate, he was always nursing the dream of relocating to his village where his grandparents lived to revive traditional practices.

Once the crushing is over, oil that has been deposited in the container is collected.

"At Nelamane, I have over 20 Hallikar bulls and over eight workers help me. There are four Gaanas as of now and two more will be added in a couple of months. All the workers are full-time and I also employ many people from the village based on orders, thereby creating local employment. It's my way of being *Aatma Nirbhar,"* he says.

Kamalesh is a first-generation youth who has taken up this business and no one in his family or his village have done this before. "I met many people and visited many places to learn the tricks of the trade. We started with trial-and-error method after creating the 'Gaana' and it clicked. I read a lot of literature, collected photos, videos and descriptions of bull-driven oil extractors and created the equipment using locally-available wood," he reveals.

He has not obtained any formal or informal training to extract oil. "We experimented a lot and every day is a learning process. Now we are in a position to repair the equipment ourselves as wood will undergo frequent wear and tear," he says confidently.

After he proposed the idea of starting Gaana cottage industry, like-minded college friends invested in the project. Kamalesh took training at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), to launch the small-scale unit.

Bull-driven oil

Oil extraction is a painstaking process and one schedule or a batch will take two to two-and-a-half hours. "A big Gaana can crush 18 kgs of seeds while a smaller Gaana can crush 10 kgs. We have both the varieties. Our firm's name is Grassroots Organic and we have named our oil brand as Bull-Driven Oil," Kamalesh explains. Once the oil is extracted, the oil cakes are packed and sent as animal feed. There is good demand for this too, he adds.

The wood used in the construction of the Gaana machine, requires high craftsmanship. Also, the constant friction caused by rotation, wood and other elements are subjected to wear and tear which need regular maintenance. The rock used in the Gaana is typically carved out of a single heavy rock. "Any fraction of error leads to non-functioning of the Gaana. Everything should be in perfect synchrony," explains Kamalesh.

He uses traditional method, ensures that the seeds are crushed under low temperature. This retains the quality and aroma of oil.

Kamalesh sources the best seeds for oil extraction. "I don't go to the open market to buy seeds but I depend on a steady supply network through my friends and contacts. For example, I get regular supply of groundnut from North Karnataka and my friend sends it. All the seeds are carefully selected and the impurities are sifted out. We do not crush seeds for others and supply oil. We do it based on our needs and orders," he says.

Flavour of oil

Years ago when oil extraction was widespread, fresh oil was in great demand than it is today. Flavour, which is an important attribute of all oils, is best in oils produced naturally through crushers. Both storage quality and nutritive value are high. "Today home-makers, especially in urban areas, demand bland and refined packaged oils that are extracted using machines. Our oils are sold directly to customers and we have a wide customer base in Mysuru and Bengaluru," he reveals.■

Kamalesh displays the bottled oil fresh from the 'Gaana.'

The Hallikar breed of bulls that are used to operate 'Gaana.' This breed of bulls are found in Mysuru-Mandya regions.

[Photos and inputs by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

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Free training

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), under its Youth Employability and Entrepreneurship Programme (YEEP), has organised a free online training named 'Virtual Instructor-Led Training and Self Learning Intervention' for candidates belonging to economically weaker sections of the society including SC and ST community students who have passed BA, B.Com, B.Sc or BCA (regular stream). On successful completion of the training, candidates will get certificates, which is widely recognised in the corporate world and useful during job hunt. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2489972 or Mob: 99005-75685.

CESC Public Contact Programme

CESC Public Contact Programme for consumers of V.V. Mohalla and Kuvempunagar Sub-Division limits to air their grievances will be held on Sept. 8 which will be chaired by Superintending Engineer. The public contact programme for consumers of V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division limits will be held at 11 am at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division. For consumers of Kuvempunagar Sub-Division, the programme will be held at 3 pm at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Kuvempunagar Sub-Division, according to a press release from the CESC EE, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Ph.D Awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Commerce to Y.G. Kusuma Hiremat for her thesis 'Investor Protection - A Study of Retail and Institutional Investors in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.S. Devaraja.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.25 ft
Yesterday	124.15 ft
Inflow	5,995 cusecs
Outflow	4,171 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.56 ft
Inflow	2,101 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.50 ft
Inflow	836 cusecs
Outflow	1,000 cusecs

Mother among three arrested for murdering minor girl

Victim was the daughter from her first husband

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (KS)- A woman, along with her second husband and her mother, has been arrested by Metagalli Police on charges of allegedly murdering her daughter (first husband's daughter).

While the arrested are 23-year-old S.R. Surya (second husband), 23-year-old Pavithra (mother of the deceased girl) and 55-year-old Gowramma (grandmother of the deceased), all residents of Shyadanahalli village in Metagalli Police limits, the victim minor girl is Kumari (name changed).

Details: Accused Pavithra was married to Siddesh (first husband) about eight years ago and the couple were blessed with a girl child Kumari, who was six years now.

Later, Pavithra, despite her first husband being alive, married Surya and the couple have a three-month-old girl child.

Pavithra, assuming that Kumari may face problems in future, hatched a plot to eliminate the child. On Aug. 25 at about 5.30 am, when Kumari was sleeping, the three smothered Kumari with a pillow and killed her. Later, in a bid to hush up the matter and destroy evidence, they falsely claimed that Kumari died all of a sudden and even performed the last rites.

But Siddesh (first husband), sensing something fishy about his daughter's death, lodged a complaint on Sept. 2 alleging that his daughter Kumari was murdered and a case was registered at Metagalli Police Station.

Metagalli Police, who took up the investigation, traced Surya, Pavithra and Gowramma on Sept. 4 and took them into custody. During interrogation, the accused are said to have told the Police that though Pavithra had a daughter from her first husband Siddesh, her second husband Surya had not informed about it to his family members and had married Pavithra.

Assuming that her daughter would be a problem if Surya's family members come to know about it and her family life would be in dire straits, Pavithra, along with her second husband and her mother, smothered her six-year-old daughter with a pillow in the early hours of Aug. 25, the accused confessed before the Police, following which they were formally arrested and produced before a Court.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and N.R. Sub-Division In-charge ACP Mariyappa supervised Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, SIs K. Vishwanath and Nagaraju Nayaka, ASI S. Mahadevu and staff Diwakar, Lingarajappa, Rajesh, H.P. Krishna, Madhukumar, Shivakumar, Likith, Mani, Bhavani and Uma in the nabbing operation, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Rowdy-sheeter among three arrested for murdering friend

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (KS)- Metagalli Police have arrested three persons including a rowdy-sheeter on charges of murdering their friend over petty issue on Aug. 24 and trying to destroy the evidence.

While the victim is identified as Somashekar, the accused are 25-year-old Sathyanarayan, 26-year-old K.A. Parashuram and 25-year-old Mukund, all residents of B.M. Sri Nagar in city.

On Aug. 24 at about 10.15 pm, all the four had been to the farm of one Venkatappa at B.M. Sri Nagar and while they were chatting, Sathyanarayan switched on the torch on his mobile phone and directed the light to the face of Somashekar, who objected and snatched the mobile phone.

Soon, a wordy duel ensued between them and escalated further during which Sathyanarayan allegedly stabbed Somashekar on his stomach with a dagger and killed him.

Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, who had registered a case, took up the investigation and arrested all the accused on Sept. 2 and produced them before a Court which remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Accused Sathyanarayan (Accused No. 1) has two cases already registered against him for assault and riots at Metagalli Police Station and a rowdy-sheeter file was opened against him.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and N.R. Sub-Division In-charge ACP Mariyappa supervised Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, Sub-Inspectors K. Vishwanath and Nagaraja Nayaka, Assistant Sub-Inspector S. Mahadevu and staff Diwakar, Lingarajappa, H.P. Madhukumar, Diwakar, Rajesh, Krishna, Shivakumar and Likith, Technical Cell Division Inspector Lolakshi and staff Gurudevaradhya, Manjunath, Shyam and Kumar in the nabbing operation, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Seized liquor destroyed

Liquor seized by the officials of the Excise Department Zone 1 and 3 in various cases were destroyed by Deputy Superintendent M. Mahadev, Inspectors A.C. Latha and P. Prema, Sub-Inspectors V. Lokesh & Chowdanayaka and staff Rajashekar, Mohan Kumar, Raghuraj and Ningaraj at the Department Office premises in Nazarbad yesterday. A total of 162 litres liquor and 80 litres of beer were destroyed.

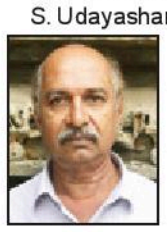
Obituary

A.N. Rangaswamy

Mysuru, Sept. 6- A.N. Rangaswamy (73), retired Agriculture Department employee and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Mahalakshmi, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this afternoon.

S. Udayashankar



S. Udayashankar (60), journalist and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away yesterday morning at his residence following brief illness.

A native of T. Narasipur, he leaves behind his wife M.S. Bharati (announcer at Akashavani), a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Srikantappa

Srikantappa Sanna Bhogappa, a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away on Friday at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday morning, according to family sources.

Sriramadevaraje Urs

Sriramadevaraje Urs (82), retired KSRTC Executive Engineer and a resident of Dewan's Road in Lakshmipuram, passed away on Friday night at his residence following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Lalithamma and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation was held at Ursu Mandali Crematorium yesterday, according to family sources.

People's Park Public Library likely to open by month end

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The building is built on a 340 ft. X 400 ft. plot and the total built up area is around 1,809 square meters. The construction began with the funds being released by the State Government but stopped on several occasions owing to delay in releasing the funds collected under Library Cess.

After crossing all hurdles, the public library is ready for inauguration now. New furniture will be added as and when the Department receives money from the MCC. The Department is planning to create an attractive garden in front of the building in later stages.

The ground floor of the building has a separate section for physically challenged and visually impaired, women, computer section, books stock, circulation and reference section, newspapers and magazines section and old newspapers section. Two stores are reserved for office use. There are separate toilets for men, women and physically challenged and there are sections dedicated to students who take up competitive examinations, children and senior citizens.

The first floor is for Office of the Deputy Director, Chief Librarian, mini-conference hall and technical section. An open mini auditorium with a small dais has been constructed to rent it out on nominal amount to littérateurs of the city for book release events and other literary activities.

The second floor has drinking water unit, toilets, record room and office stationary room. A miniature is planned to provide information on tourist places in the district and also about the other library branches inside the city.

Discussion has been held with Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company officials on having solar power generating unit on the terrace of the second floor. A lawn and a beautiful garden of medicinal plants have been planned in the coming days, noted Manjunath.

Teachers' Day at Daksha PU College

Ravi Shankar of the Physics Department, seen addressing the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day celebration organised at Daksha PU College, Global Education Trust premises in city as College Chairman Jayachandra Raju, faculty of the College and others look on. Picture right shows a section of teachers at the function.

Preliminary Dasara

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Usually over 250 to 300 family members and relatives of elephant keepers stay in the sheds inside the Palace. "Due to the pandemic, extra precautions must be taken while constructing the sheds and housing the mahouts, kavadis and their families. Once inside the city, the forest dwellers usually go to the city on various errands like purchasing regular items, shopping and city sight-seeing. Enough care must be taken to ensure that these people do not contract the virus as the men have the habit of consuming liquor at bars," the Minister was told.

The MLAs and H.V. Rajeev expressed concern that even if one person contracts the disease, it might spread to all the forest dwellers, risking their lives. Even the elephants can contract the virus like it happened at Bronx Zoo in the US where tigers were infected by COVID-19.

The Minister was told that at present, the Dasara elephants were housed at Balle, Mathigodu, Dubare and Ramapura Elephant Camps and it might be risky to bring them to Mysuru without any precautions. The Standard Operating Procedures followed everywhere must be followed by the tribals from the haadis and they must be educated on social distancing and sanitisation, the meeting felt.

The meeting decided to conduct Gajapayana (the march of Dasara elephants from the forests to city) in a simple manner without any crowd due to the pandemic. Even at the Mysore Palace while welcoming them, only a traditional puja must be held instead of an elaborate welcoming ceremony with a large crowd in attendance.

Attendees of the meeting felt that while the elephants are housed inside the Palace, visitors must not be allowed near the elephants or their keepers and at least 10-ft. distance must be maintained. The Minister was told that due to the pandemic, mahouts and kavadis have decided not to bring their family members to city but stay safe inside the forests.

Minister Somashekar asked the officials to prepare the minutes of the meeting and present it before the Dasara High Power Committee meeting to be held on Sept. 8 where a final call will be taken on the modalities of the celebrations, budget and precautionary measures.

Workshop on Land Reforms Act, impact held in city

Mysuru, Sept.6 (RKB&SSV)- Noted Kannada littérateur Devanuru Mahadev alleged that at a time when people are unable to raise voice in the wake of COVID-19 situation, the Government was trying to allow private and corporate companies control the country. He was speaking at a state-level workshop on 'Amendment to Reforms Act: Privatisation policies, effects and challenges' organised jointly by Karnataka Rajya Raita Sangha, Hasiru Sene, Dalit Sangarsh Samiti, Swaraj India, Janandolana Mahamaitri, Janachetana Trust at Kanaka Community Hall at Siddartha Nagar in city yesterday.

Mahadev said in 2015, the BJP-led NDA Government passed an ordinance to the progressive Land Acquisition Act passed by the Congress-led UPA Government in 2013. This defeated the very purpose of land reforms. The 1894 British Government Act had given a provision for land owners to raise objection but that power was snatched away by the BJP Government through ordinance.

Protests against the ordinance were totally ignored by the government. The 1974 Land Acquisition Act enacted by the D. Devaraja Urs Government was totally diluted. People must raise voice against such dangerous amendments which would pose a big problem to the country agriculture, he opined.

He called upon people to launch agitation against such anti-people policies. Protest by individuals or organisations would not be useful. All like-minded people, associations and organisations must fight united, he said.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene President Badagalapura Nagendra said the voice of farmers and workers was snubbed. Properties of Government are being privatised due to commercialisation.

DSS State Convener Guruprasad Keragod said while BJP Government in Karnataka was snatching farmers land, the BJP led NDA Government at the Centre was pushing privatisation. KRRS Honorary President Chamarasa Mali Patil, Vice-President Ramu Channapattana, Ramaswamy, Ramakrishnaiah, Working President J.M. Veerasangaiah, DSS District Convener Bettaiah Kote, Janachetana Trust President Prasanna N. Gowda, N Muniswamy, R S Doddanna, V Nagaraj, Abhiruchi Ganesh, Punith, Venkatesh were present.

Debate on history stuck at two extremes: Amish Tripathi

Weekend virtual sessions of Mysuru Literature Festival 2020 concludes

Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs and writer Amish Tripathi and journalist Shobha Narayan during a virtual session held as part of Mysuru Literature Festival last evening.

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (OSR)- "We have a historical baggage today where we have suffered horrific and brutal invasions and we have not even made peace with it or spoken honestly about it. Unfortunately the debate on this is stuck at two extremes," said Amish Tripathi, writer, author, columnist and diplomat.

He was in conversation with journalist and author Shoba Narayan at the concluding session of the Fourth Mysuru Literature Festival 2020 virtual session organised by Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 last evening. He was speaking from London on his book "Suheldev: Silent Hero of History."

"There is a certain amount of poison that exists in our society today and in the debate on that we are struck between two extremes. One side wants us to believe that the foreign invaders before the British rule were wonderful men who played sitar and sang ghazals. But this is not true, they were horrific individuals," he said.

Tripathi said, "While one section is not ready to speak frankly on the brutal foreign invasions and the sufferings at the hands of marauders, the other section blames the present-day people, fellow Indians, for the crimes committed by foreign invaders. Thus, there is a need to tell plain truth."

Talking about his book 'King Suheldev,' he said that he was influenced by the King because he was a devout worshipper of Lord Shiva like he (Tripathi) himself was and also like the greatest emperor Rajendra Chola.

"I was both inspired and saddened. King Suheldev from a subaltern caste puts together people from all caste and religions and inflicts such a devastating defeat on the Turks. What an inspiring story. But at the same time I was saddened how come I have not heard of him. In any other country, there would have been statues in all corners. He actually existed about a thousand years ago. My book is a historical fiction based on actual facts. He was from Shavasthi, close to Ayodhya (my father's family is from Benares) and I hadn't heard about him. Hence I decided to write about it to tell modern India," he said.

His biggest fear, he said, was that he would die before he was able to write all the stories inside him. Hence, he set up the Immortal Writers Centre. "This is the only way I can ensure, I get all my books out and don't carry untold stories to my cremation pyre," he said.

Alluding to the subaltern caste and higher caste, Tripathi said that India is the only country which has existed from the pre-Bronze age culture and said that there were many great rulers including the Marathas who belonged to the subaltern caste and not the Kshatriyas and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in his book "Who were the Shudras?" said that castes were neither birth-based nor rigid even 1,500 years ago. Only later did castes become rigid and a weakness for India as it promoted divisions, resulting in defeats in the hands of foreigners.

A question and answer session followed. Book Clubs 2015 Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs welcomed and proposed a vote of thanks.

Virtual literature festival garners good response

Mysuru, Sept. 6- The Fourth Edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival got good response despite being hosted on a virtual platform due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival was hosted both on Zoom and You Tube channels. Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs said that the total number of views on all the days on YouTube was 15,529 and on Zoom 5,000 were in attendance. There are a total of 1,260 subscribers and the number of registration on the website was 7,230.

Senior citizens, along with students and family members, took to digital platform and actively participated as could be seen from the questions they posed after each session, she said.

The success behind the show was two youngsters who managed the entire show —

Aryaman M. Urs

Iciri V. Urs

Aryaman M. Urs, co-founder of Team Unbound, a 12th standard student of SSVM World School, Coimbatore and Iciri V. Urs, a second year B.Sc student of Mount Carmel College.

The tech team handled e-mails to audience for every panel, SMS reminders to attendees, PPT slides and event videos, ghost moderators (curating the questions) and handling Facebook and Instagram pages. The Festival, spread over four weekends, began on Aug. 14 and in all there were 10 sessions that ended on Sept. 5.

Sri Basava Bhushana awards presented

'Practising Basavanna's ideals will help realise Gandhiji's *Ramarajya* dream'

Mysuru, Sept. 6 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that practicing the ideals of 12th Century Reformer Basavanna will greatly help in realising Mahatma Gandhi's dream of building 'Ramarajya,' Social Worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee regretted that the space for progressive thoughts is getting little space in public platforms.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Sri Basava Bhushana' award presentation programme organised by the city's Jagajyothi Sri Basaveshwara Samskrutika Prathishtana at Namana Kalamantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here this morning.

Pointing out that Basavanna taught the principles of true *Sanatana Dharma* through his idealistic thoughts in the 12th Century, Raghuram said that Basavanna, apart from enlightening the people against social evils and other superstition practices, sensitised them on the basic foundation of Hindu religion.

V. Srikantaswamy Dikshit (Religion), Dr. Sunanda Gurappa Bhoopali (Education), S.E. Girish (Medical), S.M. Shivaprakash (Entrepreneur), Dr. Nagendra Prasad (Theatre), S. Prabhushankar (Medical equipment) and M.C. Sarvesh (Bio-medical Science) were presented with 'Sri Basava Bhushana' awards on the occasion.

Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna presided. Former Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Editor of *Arogyakirana* monthly magazine N. Ananth, Prathistana's Founder President Basavarajendra Swamy and others were present.

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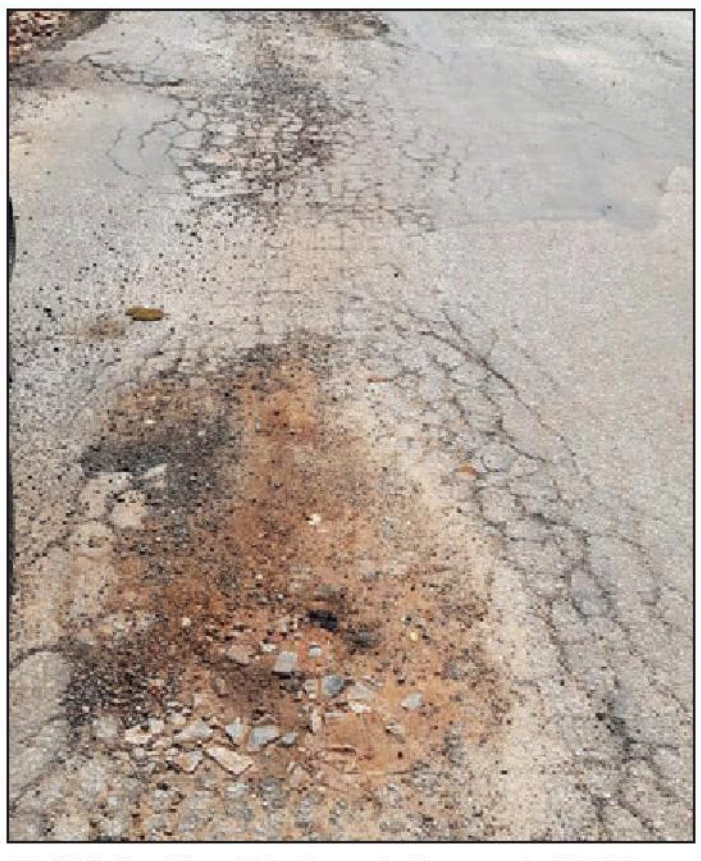
A potential 'Death Hole' at Shakthinagar Park

An uncovered water sump located at the park at HPO RMS Layout in Shakthinagar is posing as a 'Death Hole' to park goers. Even though the uncovered sump is about 10 ft. away from the flag post, which was used to hoist the Tricolour on Independence Day last month, the 'Death Hole' has gone unnoticed. As this is one of the biggest parks in the locality, it is frequented by many including elderly people and children for walk and play. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the sump covered at the earliest for the benefit of all.

Asphalt this 80ft. Road at Vijayanagar



The 80ft. Road from Teju Corner to Basavanahalli in Vijayanagar is in a pathetic condition allege residents of the locality who said that one could find as many as 45 to 50 potholes and road cuttings of various size and shapes in a span of 900 mts. on the road. Also, lack of proper street lights were resulting in two to three accidents on the road daily, residents alleged and have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road repaired and provide proper street lights for the benefit of the public.

Webinar on 'Writing effective Technical Paper' held

Mysuru, Sept. 6- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), IEEE Student Branch, had organised a webinar on 'How to write an effective technical paper' recently by Dr. Saifur Rahman, IEEE President-Elect Candidate 2021, Joseph R. Loring Professor & Director, Advanced Research Institute, Virginia Tech, USA.

Dr. Saifur Rahman gave information about what IEEE editors and reviewers are looking for and also how does the review process work.

He spoke about how the Paper Structure should be there. He explained each elements of a manuscript like Title, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Conclusion and References.

He told the difference between Report and a Technical Paper. He spoke about Types of misconduct consists of Conflict of Interest, Plagiarism, Missing Author Attribution, and then he explained about Ethical publishing which covered the topics like Duplication, Multiple Submissions & Redundancies.

Last topic was Open Access Opportunity for IEEE Authors and Impact Factor is not necessarily enough of a metric. Also, he spoke about other ways of judging a Journal's value to the engineering community.

He summarised the webinar by speaking about the Process of Writing the Paper followed by step by step procedure. He also clarified the doubts and questions asked by students.

Dr. G. Manjula, Associate Professor, Department of ECE, welcomed. Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, IEEE student Branch Counsellor, Professor and Head of Department of TCE, GSSSIETW, proposed a vote of thanks. The event was coordinated by M. Keerthi Kumar, Asst. Professor, Department of TCE, GSSSIETW.

Online Seminar on 'Dental Autopsy recommendations during COVID-19'

Mysuru, Sept. 6- The Department of Forensic Odontology, JSS Dental College and Hospital, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), had recently organised a webinar on the topic 'Dental Autopsy recommendations during COVID-19. Are we ready for the best practice in Human Identification and Virtual Dental Autopsy?' by renowned Italian Forensic Odontologist, Prof. Emilio Nuzzolese, Researcher and Professor of Legal Medicine and the Head of the Human Identification Laboratory, University of Turin, Italy.

He is a member of the Interpol Forensic Odontology Sub-working group since 2010 and the President of Association of Forensic Odontology for Human Rights.

The guest of honour, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar and Professor of Forensic Medicine, JSS AHER, opened the webinar by providing an overview on Forensic Odontology from his experience, followed by the introduction of the topic and its importance by the host panellist, Dr. G.B. Aravind, Associate Professor of Forensic Science, JSS Medical College and Hospital, JSS AHER.

The main speaker Dr. Emilio Nuzzolese presented his talk succeeded by a Q&A session and discussion, subsequently followed by the conclusion and vote of thanks given by Dr. G.B. Aravind. Dr. S. Ravindra, Principal, JSS Dental College and Hospital, was also present.

The webinar was held via Zoom application and simultaneously live-streamed on YouTube. It was attended by 107 people on the Zoom application and was live-streamed by 80 people on YouTube. The attendees consisted of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Dental and Forensic Science students, Forensic experts, Odontologists, Forensic Medical practitioners and Dental practitioners.

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The webinar focused on five areas, 1. What is dental Autopsy, 2. When and why it is necessary, 3. Precautions to be taken during COVID-19 pandemic, 4. Disaster Victim Identification and 5. Virtual Dental Autopsy. After the presentation, various participants raised many questions and comments that were patiently and diligently answered and discussed by Prof. Emilio Nuzzolese.

All the registered participants were provided with e-Certificates of attendance by JSS AHER.

A recorded version of the webinar is uploaded to the University's website *www.jssuni.edu.in*

The programme was organised by Dr. Nagabhushana Doggalli, Faculty of Department of Forensic Odontology and Dr. Swathi Kumareswar (Moderator of the Webinar), Lecturer, Department of Forensic Odontology, JSS Dental College and Hospital, JSS AHER, Mysuru.

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